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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 11 directs to information on a medium. Since the information does not provide any functional interrelationship to the medium to control the medium or access the information on the medium, or impart to any software and hardware structural components to provide certain function that is processed by a computer, the information themselves do not make them statutory. See MPEP 2100.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schuetzle (6762791).

Regarding claims 1 and 11, Schuetzle discloses an image service providing apparatus (column 4, lines 25-57, column 5, Fig. 1) comprising: an input unit for inputting a video image file obtained by adding, to video data representing a plurality of continuous still images photographed by a photographing device, attendant data representing an image service corresponding to processing for the still images included in the video data;

a setting unit for setting a type of the image service on the basis of the attendant data included in the video image file by the input unit (column 5, lines 20-57); and

a processing unit for processing the image service for the video data included in the video image file input by the input unit on the basis of a setting result obtained by the setting unit (column 9, lines 30-45).

Regarding claim 2, Schuetzle further teaches the attendant data includes photographing conditions of the photographing device at a time when the video data is obtained (column 6, lines 45-55).

Regarding claim 3, Schuetzle teaches the photographing conditions are common to the entire video image file (column 5, lines 35-48, column 6, lines 13-25).

Regarding claim 4, Schuetzle further teaches photograph conditions differs from still images (column 5, lines 40-48).

Regarding claim 5, Schuetzle further the attendant data includes a concealed condition for setting the video data to make it possible to process the video data (column 4, lines 25-40, column 9, lines 30-45).

Regarding claim 6, Schuetzle discloses an image service providing apparatus according to claim i, wherein the processing unit includes an image forming unit for forming a still image on a recording material (column 7, lines 40-65).

Regarding claim 7, Shuetzle teaches the processing unit includes an image recording unit for recording the video image file on a recording medium (column 6, lines 55-65, column 7, lines 15-25 and 40-65).

Regarding claim 8, Schuetzle further teaches the processing unit includes an image distribution unit for distributing a still image to another apparatus (column 7, lines 15-50).

Regarding claim 9, Shuetzle teaches the processing unit includes a video editing unit for editing the video data, and processes the edited video data edited by the video editing unit as the video data. (column 9, lines 25-65).

Regarding claim 10, Shuetzle further teaches the processing unit includes an attendant data editing unit for editing the attendant data, and uses the edited attendant data edited by the attendant data editing unit as the attendant data (column 5, lines 40-48).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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